

fans, a marching band, and ending with a glittering fireworks show.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the Taylor North Little League Team: Chauncey Adkins, Noah Boren, Lucas Farner, Job Furkas, Kale Harris, Max LeForest, Jaxon Shufeldt, Jackson Surma, Cameron Thorning, Gavin Ulin, and Ethan Van Belle—along with Coach Guido Ulin and Manager Rick Thorning. Please join me in congratulating this team on their fantastic win and in wishing them the best of luck in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
MATTHEW J. MCCARTHY

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding life and legacy of Matthew J. McCarthy, age 35, who passed away far too soon on Friday, August 13, 2021. A talented and respected trumpet player, composer, arranger, and educator, Matt touched the lives of countless individuals and left a lasting impression on the central Florida music community.

Matt was a professional trumpet player, specializing in modern and improvised music. He had experience playing all styles of music, including jazz, big band, orchestral, chamber music, rock, ska, pop, commercial, salsa, and more. He worked with musicians and performance groups that included the Glenn Miller Orchestra, the Sam Rivers RivBea Orchestra, Cirque Du Soleil's La Nouba, Junkierush, the Outer Toons, the Supervillains, Mad Sexual Genius, the Orlando Jazz Orchestra, the Harry James Orchestra, various bands of Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, the Smithsonian Jazz Orchestra, and countless other local groups and celebrities. Matt also spent a lot of time performing with the one and only Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, playing lead trumpet. It was with this group, he toured all over the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and on countless international cruises.

A prolific composer and arranger, specializing in custom arrangements and charts, Matt had experience in transcription, copywork, and orchestration for groups of all sizes. His library included hundreds of arrangements for jazz chamber groups, big bands, large orchestras, latin ensembles, and original compositions for a variety of groups. Frequently premiering new works, his arrangements became highly sought after, especially for competitive marching bands.

Matt began his career in music at the University of Central Florida, where he studied trumpet, composition, and jazz studies, graduating with a dual-specialty Bachelor of Music degree in 2007. During that time, he began working as a freelance trumpet player and arranger. This eventually led to a long career with the bands of Walt Disney World. Additionally, Matt started subbing in the trumpet section for the Sam Rivers RivBea Orchestra, which began a life-long interest in experimental and avant-garde music.

Matt furthered his musical career in 2013 by attending graduate school at the University of South Florida, where he graduated with a

Master of Music in jazz composition in 2015. There he studied with Chuck Owen and Jack Wilkins. During his tenure at USF, Matt performed as lead trumpet player for Jazz Ensemble I, served as director of Jazz Ensemble II, and taught various courses in the Jazz Studies Department. Matt frequently appeared with the USF Jazz Faculty Ensemble and toured Italy with the USF Jazztet in the summer of 2015, performing at the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia, Italy. While studying composition, Matt was awarded the Owen Prize for Jazz Composition for his tune, "Hans the Hunter."

Matt McCarthy leaves behind a legacy of kindness, imagination, and musical excellence. Matt's positive and creative outlook on life touched the lives of so many and made our community a better place. I am saddened by the loss of such a valuable member of the community and extend my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

COMMEMORATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS

HON. YVETTE HERRELL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Ms. HERRELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. On that day, 19 al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four aircraft and claimed the lives of 2,974 people, shocking our nation and the world.

The devastation and destruction from that day was heartbreaking, but was swiftly overcome by American resilience following the attacks. Heroic first responders ran towards danger, risking their own lives to rescue victims, and their selfless fortitude will always be remembered. The brave passengers of Flight 93 prevented further tragedy by overwhelming terrorist hijackers; their courage saved countless American lives. Regardless of political party, race, or creed, the 9/11 attacks on our nation remind us of the unifying values that can bring Americans together on the darkest of days.

Today, I want to especially commend the work of the men and women responsible for the new 9/11 Memorial Monument in New Mexico. This community-sponsored Memorial Monument in the Village of Williamsburg was created by hardworking and dedicated New Mexicans to pay solemn tribute to those we lost on 9/11, and the heroes who rose amid the flames. Following the attacks, 42 of New Mexico's finest traveled across the country to assist in search and rescue operations; our country will forever be grateful for all first responders served their fellow Americans.

The tragedy of September 11th echoes to this day. Thousands of first responders, those who worked and lived in lower Manhattan, and crews that came in to clean up the rubble were exposed to toxic particles. By 2018, nearly 10,000 people were diagnosed with 9/11-related cancers. These heroes deserve to have the best of care, and I am thankful that President Trump extended the Victim Compensation Fund through 2092.

September 11th, 2001 will forever be remembered as "Patriot Day," a National Day of

Service and remembrance. I commend all the first responders, volunteers, and countless numbers of men and women who responded to this great tragedy and continue to pray for all families who lost their loved ones.

HONORING GOLD MEDALIST JOHN
BOIE OF MILTON

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Boie. A native of Milton, Wisconsin, John Boie competed for Team USA at the 2020 Paralympics held this year in Tokyo, Japan. John was a member of Team USA's Wheelchair Basketball and helped lead the team to a gold medal victory in a 64–60 win over Japan. John and his teammates secured a gold medal for the United States at the second straight Paralympics for Men's Wheelchair basketball.

During a preliminary game against Iran, John was the heart of Team USA's defensive effort turning 11 first half turnovers into 18 points. The win over Iran contributed to the team's 4–1 record in pool play allowing them to advance to the final knockout round at the 2020 Paralympics Games. The team demonstrated strong chemistry, bolstered by a common thread with five players having ties to UW-Whitewater, including John himself. Together, the team competed in a thrilling gold medal matchup with the United States defeating Japan 64–60 in a come from behind win after trailing during the third quarter. In addition to scoring four points for Team USA, John's strong defensive effort throughout the game helped the United States secure victory.

John's love for sports began at a young age. Despite suffering from an incomplete spinal cord injury after an accident involving a tractor, John continued to demonstrate a love for the game of basketball. John was introduced to wheelchair basketball after attending a wheelchair basketball summer camp at UW-Whitewater when he was eleven years old. John would go on to attend UW-Whitewater where he would become a three-time collegiate wheelchair basketball champion. John would go on to win a silver medal during the 2018 World Championships.

John represented the United States and Southeast Wisconsin with honor. He made both his country and community proud with his composure, talents, and determination. While this is his first gold medal, John's passion for success suggests that it won't be his last. I know Southeast Wisconsin will be backing him 100 percent in his future endeavors.

John's perseverance through adversity helped lead to this historic success. I was proud to watch John represent Wisconsin and the United States on the world stage. On behalf of Wisconsin's First Congressional District, I would like to congratulate John on his tremendous accomplishment and wish him the best of luck.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE FOUNDATION

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation on its 50th anniversary.

On Friday September 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot by anarchist Leon Czolgosz during a trip to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. Closely monitoring the situation from a family vacation in the Adirondack Mountains, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt traveled to Buffalo to pay his respects when it became apparent that President McKinley would not survive his injuries. President McKinley died the day of Roosevelt's arrival, on Saturday, September 14, 1901.

It was only a matter of hours before the Vice President assumed the Office of the President of the United States. That same day, Vice President Roosevelt was sworn in as president at the residence of his close friend, and an esteemed lawyer, Mr. Ansley Wilcox, located at 641 Delaware Avenue. In taking his Oath of Office, Roosevelt declared, "In this hour of deep and terrible national bereavement, I wish to state that it shall be my aim to continue, absolutely without variance, the policy of President McKinley, for the peace and honor of our beloved country."

In conjunction with the National Park Service, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation has maintained the residence on Delaware Avenue since 1971, with several missions in mind. First and foremost, the foundation strives to uphold educational dialogues around the Roosevelt Presidency, ranging from the inauguration itself to his life, policy choices, and legacy. The foundation also highlights the 1901 Pan-American Exposition, which introduced Buffalo to the world as the first electrified city of light, powered by nearby Niagara Falls. More generally, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation highlights a period in Western New York's history when it served the country as an industrial powerhouse filled with driven, creative individuals seeking to build a new and better future.

Today, the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation offers a variety of programs and experiences that aim to preserve the legacy of President Roosevelt. The foundation displays a variety of exhibits and showcases within the home that examine Roosevelt's inauguration and time in office. Tours are offered at the nearby museum, as well as at sites of importance across the City of Buffalo. The foundation also hosts a "Speaker Nite" series of events, inviting esteemed individuals to explore issues of significance from President Roosevelt's tenure and share how these issues remain relevant today.

I thank the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation for its commitment to preserving the unique history of the Western New York region, and I again congratulate the foundation on its 50th anniversary.

CONGRATULATING MAKENNA PEED FOR WINNING FOUR STATE TRACK MEDALS

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize MaKenna Peed of Kewanee High School for winning four gold medals for Track in the IHSA State Competition.

MaKenna competed in the 100 meters (41.12 seconds), 200 meters (1:32.09), shot put (2.23 meters), and discus (5.28 meters), winning gold in all four events. She is also the first Kewanee High School athlete to medal in the Athletes with Disabilities Division. As a former student athlete, I admire and appreciate MaKenna's hard work and dedication to track. I am proud that she represented Kewanee High School and the community exceptionally well throughout the state.

It is because of student leaders such as MaKenna that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would once again like to congratulate MaKenna Peed on her success in Track while competing at the state level.

HONORING BERNARD A. BARTON, JR., IN CELEBRATION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Bernard A. Barton, Jr. on his retirement from the Library of Congress and to thank him for nearly three decades of dedicated public service.

Following his service as a U.S. Air Force officer, Mr. Barton spent his career at the intersection of knowledge and technology. As Deputy Chief Information Officer for the North Carolina National Guard, Mr. Barton designed the agency's disaster recovery and continuity of operations capabilities, ensuring the Guard can meet its "Always Ready" motto. As Chief Information Officer for the Defense Technical Information Center, Mr. Barton ensured that the Department of Defense's largest library had the IT infrastructure necessary to "fuse science and technology data" and "reliably deliver the knowledge needed to develop the next generation of technologies to support our Warfighters and help assure national security."

In 2015, Mr. Barton took on what Fortune Magazine labeled maybe the "hardest job in tech," serving as the Chief Information Officer for the Library of Congress. Since then, he has ably guided the nation's oldest federal cultural institution through a complete technological overhaul. With aplomb, he oversaw the centralization of Library technology activities; fostered the creation of an agency-wide digital strategy; and marshalled efforts to optimize and modernize the Library's IT infrastructure and critical IT business systems. Under his leadership, the Library completed a three-year Data Center Transformation, embracing the best of traditional IT services and the Cloud to ensure a stable, flexible, scalable foundation

for the future. He also completely revamped IT security, and successfully addressed more than 100 major technology recommendations identified by Congress and the GAO.

Through it all, he has been a transparent, proactive, and enthusiastic partner for Members of Congress, our staff, and our constituents. He has responded to our inquiries and ideas with the resolute assurance that technology will not be a problem for our Library.

The impact of these changes cannot be overstated. As the world's largest library and home of both the Congressional Research Service and the U.S. Copyright Office, the Library of Congress stands as a beacon of knowledge and creativity the world over. Mr. Barton leaves the Library a stronger, more digitally enabled institution that is better prepared than ever to serve the needs of Congress, researchers, and all Americans.

Please join me in wishing Mr. Barton a well-deserved retirement after a lifetime of faithful public service.

RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN—
JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

HON. ELAINE G. LURIA

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 10, 2021

Mrs. LURIA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the views submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman, of Temple Lev Tikvah:

The Jewish High Holy Days, also known as the Days of Awe, are a ten-day period commencing with the New Year of Rosh Hashana and concluding with the Day of Atonement of Yom Kippur. With humble Biblical roots and profound Rabbinic transformation, it is a sacred vehicle and opportunity set aside for inspiring soul-searching and heroic resolve to mend the brokenness of the human heart and do our called upon share, individually and collectively, to repair and heal our inner world as well as the outer one. Quite a tall order but a compelling one!

The celebration this season takes place against the onerous backdrop of a threatening gathering cloud of anti-Semitism—the world's oldest and most resistant virus—at home and abroad as critical American democracy, alarmingly violated on 1/6, along with the unresolved burden of shameful Black slavery, lingering racism toward minorities, urban unrest and a ravaging global pandemic with the State of Israel begrudged its rightful responsibility to protect its citizens from those intent on obliterating the only sovereign Jewish country while denying the monumental Holocaust. What a perfect storm scenario for the resurrection of history's worst images of hatred for the Other.

The High Holy Days, peak Jewish religious experience, offer a reflective mirror into an ancient people's awesome spiritual odyssey enabling it to somehow survive history's high waves of relentless tsunamis through offering humanity noble teachings and indispensable lessons. On Rosh Hashanah 5782 (Based on calculating the generations enumerated in the Biblical Genesis) as we celebrate the world's creation, our prayerful focus is not only on the wonder of the unfathomable acts of creation, but no less on the confounding complexity of human relationships. Our Biblical heroes, unlike the Greek ones, are flesh and blood creatures who both succeed and succumb, contending with blessings as well as blemishes.